The normal maintenance and conservation of these monuments is an on-going process. Specific repairs are taken up on actual requirement of the monuments concerned, and the availability of funds.

(c) With a view to paying closure attention to the conservation and management of these monuments, a new Circle Office of the Archaeological Survey of India was created in Bhubaneswar in 1985 by bifurcating the office of the Superintending Archaeologist, Kolkata Circle. there is no proposal to further modify this arrangement.

The allocation of funds for the maintenance & conservation of monuments in Orissa in the last two years is as under:

2000-2001	: Rs. 47,36,345.00
2001-2002	: Rs. 1,26,30,000.00

Maintenance of Historical Monument at Bijapur

955. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:
SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Bijapur, Karnataka the site of sixty graves under the control of Archaeological Survey of India is in a neglected condition;

(b) whether any amount has been allotted to maintain the monument;

(c) whether it is also a fact that other historical monuments in the town are not properly kept; and

(d) if so, what measures Government propose to ensure their proper up-keep?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The monument described as "Site of 60 graves", and locally known as "Afzal Khan's Wives' Tombs" was deprotected by the Archaeological Survey of India on 1.4.1960.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The centrally protected monuments in Bijapur are under regular maintenance and in a fairly good state of preservation.